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Ms. Dawn Melhaff
California Secretary of State, Elections Division
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Dear Dawn:

Diebold Election Systems would like to request loading a "pre-release" version of our Ballot Station 4.4.5 software on several TSx units in each county for training purposes. This is the software version that Wyle Laboratories is currently reviewing, which incorporates the latest security standards, and we intend to officially present for you and your colleagues review next week.

The purpose of loading a "pre-release" version at this time is to provide "screen shots" from these units to help prepare poll worker guides for the upcoming election. Also, this is important for the Supervisor Security Codes, Open/Close Instructions; Printing of Results, etc. Additionally, these units will be utilized to run download, voting, upload and reporting tests to ensure all aspects of the Primary are running correctly with this release.

We offer the following to comply with security and compliance guidelines to ensure that the "pre-release" versions are not inaccurately used.

- 10-12 TSx units in each county are loaded with a "pre-release" of the 4.4.5 Ballot Station software.
- The serial numbers on these units will be documented in each County and a label will be placed on each unit denoting the "Pre-Release" designation.
- The "pre-release version" will be replaced, and so documented, with the final approved version.

We would request being able to commence this plan as early as possible. Again, the purpose of what we are requesting is the ability of election workers to familiarize them with the machine and its functions.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me personally.

Dawn Melhaff
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert J. Urosevich".

Robert J. Urosevich
President